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CREATION.

Queſtion.

HO made thee?

Anſwere.

a God.

Q. What is God?

A. He is b Almighty, the c maker and d gouernour of all things.

Q. Wherefore did he make thee?

A. e To ſerue him.

Q. How oughteſt thou to ſerue him?

A. As he hath appointed in his lawes.

Q. Which be they?

A. g God ſpake all theſe words, and ſaid, Thou ſhalt haue none other Gods before me, &c

Q. Canſt thou fulfill all theſe Commandements without breaking anie one of them?

A. No, though I doe all that I can, yet I breake them euery daye, in h thought

a Iſay 44.2 Pſal.139. 13.14.15
b Gen.17.1 Iere.32.18. 19.
c Gen.24 5. Iſay 44.24.
d Iere.10. 23. prou.21.30 31.
e Deut.10. 12. Ioſhu.12.5
f Deut.12. 32. Pſal.119.4

Of the Law.

g Exod.20. Deut.5.6.
h Math.15. 19.

Rom. 7.18. thought, word, and deede.
19. Q. What punishment is there appointed for the breach of these commandements.

i Deut. 27. 26. mat. 25.42. A. i The curse of God, which is eternall destruction both of body and soule.

Redemption.

Q. By what meanes then shalt thou escape this punishment?

k Gal. 3.13. col. 2.14.15 A. k Onely by Jesus Christ.

l Mat. 17.5. heb. 1.2 3. Q. What is Jesus Christ?

A. He is the l eternall sonne of God.

m Phil. 2.8. heb. 5.7.8.9 Q. What hath he done for thee?

A. Hee m suffered the torments of death for me.

Q. Christ Jesus was God, and how then could he die?

n Isa. 9.6. Rom 9.5. o 1. Tim. 2.5 phil. 2.1.7. p Rom. 4.25 1. Pet. 2.24. A. Christ Jesus was both n God and o man, and in that hee was God, hee could not die: but being man, hee died p for my sinnes, and rose againe to make me righteous.

Of faith.

q Iohn. 3.18 36. acts. 13. 48. Q. Are all men then saued by his death,

A. No, none are saued, q but such as lay hold on him by a liuely faith.

r Ephe. 3.12 col. 2.5.7. Q. What is a liuely faith?

s Ephes. 3. 17. A. A liuely faith is a r full perswasion of my heart, grounded vpon the

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promises of GOD: that whatsoeuer Christ hath done for the saluation of mā, he hath done it as well u for me as for any others.

Acts 15. 9. t Rom.4.18 21. heb.11.11 u Iohn 20. 28. Gal.2.30.

Q. Where is the sum of your faith?

A. In the Creede: I beleeve in God the Father &c.

Of Preaching.

SANCTIFICATION.

Q. How commest thou by this faith?

A. The holy Ghost doth worke it v inwardly in my heart, by the outwarde x preaching of his worde.

v Act.16.14 Iohn 6.45. x Rom.10. 14.17. acts 11.14. y2.Thes.1.3 prou.4.18.

Q. How is this faith increased & made strong in vs?

A. y By hearing the same word preached, and vsing the Sacraments.

Of the Sacraments

Q. What be Sacraments?

A. Sacraments be outward z signes ordeined of God, and are left as a seales and pledges of those benefits of our saluation which wee receiue in Christ to strengthen our faith.

z Gen.17.11 exod.12.13 a Rom.4.11. 1.cor.10.16 17.

Q. How many Sacraments be there?

A. Two, b Baptisme and the Lordes supper.

b 1.Cor.10 1.2.3.4.

Q. What profit hast thou by Baptisme?

A. I beleeue that by Baptisme my

c Acts 22. 16. & 2. 38. d Ephe. 1. 7. 1 Pet. 1. 2. e Heb. 10. 22 Acts 15. 9.

sinnes are forgiuen me: for as the water doth wash the filth of my body: so I beleeue that the d blood of Christ being sprinkled vpon my soule by the e hande of faith, doth washe mee from all my sinnes.

Q. What profit hast thou by the vse of the Lordes supper?

f Mat. 26. 26. 27. 1 Cor. 11. 23 24. 25. g 1. cor. 1. 30 2. cor. 5. 21. h Rom. 4. 1. ephe. 1. 13.

A. As I receiue the f bread and wine into my body to become wholy mine: so I beleeue that my soule receiueth with all Christ Iesus with g his death and righteousnesse to the h healing vp of my euerlasting saluation.

i 1. Cor. 11. 28. 2. Cor. 13. 5. k 2. Thes. 2. 15. 1. Cor. 16. 13. l Mat. 26. 75. 2. Cor. 7. 9 10. m Psal. 51. 17. Rom. 7. 24. n Mar. 5. 24. Heb. 12. 14. Mat. 18. 22

Q. Seeing that they which receiue these mysteries vnworthily, eate and drinke their owne condemnation: how oughtest thou to prepare thy selfe to the right receiuing of them?

A. First I muste i examine my selfe whether I k stande stronglie in the true faith of Iesus Christ or no.

Secondly, whether I find my heart l inwardly greeued for my sinnes with an m hatred and lothing of the same.

Thirdly, if any offence bee betwixt others and mee, that I n reconcile my selfe vnto them, and o forgiue them e-

uen

uen as Christ hath forgiuen me. Colos.3.12. 13.

Q. Is not prayer a speciall meanes to increase our faith.

Of Praier

A. Yea it is a speciall helpe.

Q. How ought est thou then to pray? pActs 4.29. 31. Luke 17.5.

A. Onely qto God in the name of Iesus Christ. q Iohn 16. 23. Iames.1.5.

Q. What forme of prayer vsest thou most?

A. That which the r Lorde Iesus taught his Apostles. r Mat.6.9. Luke 11.2.

Q. What is that?

A. Our father which art in heauen,&c.

Q. How vnderstandest thou this prayer?

A. This prayer conteyneth fiue petitions: whereof the first three are appointed onely to Gods glorie: the other three belong vnto vs, wherein we aske things necessarie both for soule and bodie.

Finis.

OPen our eyes O Lord that wee may see the wondrous things of thy law: that by them as by a glasse we may see our owne weakenesse, and by our weaknesse our wickednesse, and by

by them both our accurſednesſe: then cauſe thy ſweete comforts and conſolations conteined in thy Goſpel, to ſhine into our ſoules, by a true and a liuely faith in Chriſt Ieſus: beſeeching thee that our drie and ſtonie hearts, may by the ſweete dewes and ſhowers of thy heauenly ſpirit, be ſo moiſtened and ſoftned, that as good ground they may euer be yeelding forth good fruit to the glorifying of thy name, to the ſuppreſsing of ſinne, and increaſing of vertue, through Chriſt our Sauiour, Amen.